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Instruction Memorandum **No. 2007-002**
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To: Field Office Managers, CDD District Manager
From: State Director
Subject: National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Program Review **DD: 10/27/06**

Program Area: Planning and NEPA

Purpose: The purpose of this Instruction Memorandum (IM) is to initiate a self assessment of NEPA programs at field offices.

Background: Sound NEPA analysis is a critical component of managing the public lands. Field office NEPA skills are essential, as the majority of environmental documents are produced in field offices. The art of NEPA analysis is dynamic, as the Department, BLM, and the courts continue to provide interpretation and guidance on complying with NEPA. Regular assessment of state and field office NEPA programs provides the opportunity to ensure California BLM is meeting the continuing challenges of environmental analysis in managing the public lands.

Policy/Action: Field offices must complete the attached self assessment by October 27, 2006. Completed assessments should be submitted to Jack Mills and Eli Ilano at the California State Office. Results will be discussed at the November State Management Team meeting, along with additional training for managers on NEPA compliance.

Timeframe: The field office self assessment must be completed by October 27, 2006.

Budget Impact: None.

Manual/Handbook Sections Affected: None.

Coordination: This guidance was coordinated with the Division of Natural Resources.

Contact: For further information, contact Jack Mills at (916) 978-4636 or Eli Ilano at (916) 978-4427.

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Attachment -
Field Office NEPA Self-assessment (2 pp)